Specialist in Homoeopathy under CGHS and if so, the number of such Consultants|Specialists;

(b) whether the Consultants|Specialists in Homoeopathy are sufficient to cover up 13 Homoeopathic Dispensaries in a week and what are their timings in each Dispensary; and

(c) if the number of such Consultants are not sufficient, what arrangement have been made for getting specialist consultation in Homoeopathy under CGHS which has got more popularity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. One Senior Homoeopathic Physician is working as Consultant|Specialist in CGHS Delhi.

(b) and (c) The Specialist attends the following CGHS dispensaries|units:—

Monday—R. K. Puram
Tuesday—Dev Nagar
Wednesday—Kasturba Nagar
Thursday—Darya Ganj
Friday—Gole Market
Saturday—Rajouri Garden

The remaining Homoeopathic dispensaries|units have been attached with the nearest dispensary|unit mentioned above-which he visits. His visiting timings are from 7.00 AM to 11.00 AM daily and after 11.00 AM he sits in the Gole Market dispensary daily.

Non-availability of Medicines in Homoeopathic Dispensaries in C.G.H.S.

1256. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the common Homoeopathic medicines including Mother tincture are available in Homoeopathic dispensaries/units under CGHS;

(b) if so, what are the details of the medicines which are not available in the Homoeopathic Dispensaries|Units for more than six months; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to make them available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) All the Common Homoeopathic medicines by and large are available in the Homoeopathic dispensaries. However, few mother tincture are in short supply due to non-receipt of this item.

(b) A list of such medicines in given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) All efforts are being made to procure these medicines. However, these medicines are purchased from open market and supplied to the beneficiaries, if considered essential by the Physician.

Statement

List of Medicines

1. Lycopus Virg Q
2. Aspidosperma Q
3. Justicia Q
4. Kreosote Q
5. Plantego Q
6. Calc Hypophes 3x
7. Skookum Chuck Oint.

Suspension/Dismissal of railway employees

1257. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of railway employees and officials have been suspended, dismissed or action taken against them in connection with their illegal and antinational activities, corruption and sabotage charges and possession of wealth disproportionate to their known source of income during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 15th July, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether CBI have also made charges against some employees and officials in the matter;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, and the action taken against each one of them; and

(e) what are the names and details of services and posts held by each ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Filling up the vacancies of doctors in C.G.H.S. in Delhi

1258. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of vacancies of doctors in the C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Delhi as against the total sanctioned strength as on the 30th June, 1987;

(b) the time since when these vacancies are in existence stating the reasons for not filling up these vacancies of doctors in the C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Delhi;

(c) what is the present doctor-patient ratio in the C.G.H.S. dispensaries as against the norm laid down because of the shortage of doctors; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to fill up the vacancies of doctors in the C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The percentage of vacancies as against the total sanctioned strength of doctors in CGHS dispensaries in Delhi is 5.12. The vacancies of doctors arises from time to time due to various reasons such as promotion|resignation|transfer and death etc. The vacancies of doctors are filled up on regular basis through U.P.S.C. However, to ensure that patient care may not suffer, the vacancies are filled up by appointing doctors on monthly wage basis till such time regular incumbents become available to fill up the posts.

Suggestions on improving of the working of Telecommunication system

1259. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Group set up by the Department of Telecommunications have made certain suggestions to improve the working of the Telecommunication system in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the suggestions made by the Expert Group and the decision, if any, taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been suggested to:

1. Establish special task force-one in each of the 4 ones for improvement of maintenance|performance of strowger, Crossbar and manual trunk exchanges and the external plant.

2. Improve billing credibility, to introduce a system of making available itemised list of the STD calls, wherever Exchanges have to necessary facility, on advance request and a nominal payment, and to introduce suitable observation equipment in all, Exchanges not having this facility for recording details of the STD calls to investigate complaints from individual subscribers.

3. Introduce group dialling in rural exchanges to help expedite the traffic.

4. Help improve the manual trunk efficiency, to reroute single and multi link operator dialing circuits to electronic exchanges in multi exchange areas.